

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. GCU-02-2
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**ORDER APPROVING INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND
ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued May 24, 2002)

On May 17, 2002, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed an application for approval of the proposed date, time, and location for an informational meeting with respect to the construction of a proposed new 500 MW natural gas generation facility located in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. Pursuant to 199 IAC 24.7(4), the Utilities Board (Board) must approve the date, time, and location of the proposed meeting. IPL proposes to hold the meeting at 7 p.m. on June 5, 2002, at the Holiday Inn, 2101 4th Street SW, Mason City, Iowa.

The Board will approve the date, time, and location of the meeting. Subrule 199 IAC 24.7(6) provides that the Board or its designee shall preside at the meeting. The Board will assign the meeting to a presiding officer who will perform all necessary functions at the meeting pursuant to 199 IAC 7.1(4). IPL in its request states it will publish notice of the meeting as required by 199 IAC 24.4(7) and file proof of publication with the Board.

The Board notes that in its request IPL states that it will request a waiver of the requirement that the informational meeting be held prior to the filing of the siting application. The Board has granted such waiver requests in the past when eminent domain is not being requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for approval of the date, time, and location of a proposed informational meeting filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on May 17, 2002, is approved.

2. The conduct of the informational meeting is assigned to a presiding officer, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of May, 2002.